

6 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 6 January 1966

25X11 [] of ORR gave a background briefing on the current and projected deployment of the Soviet ICBM force. (See Actions 1, 2, 3, and 4)

DD/I tabled copies of the revised and current NIS General Survey Chapter on the Soviet Union. DD/I briefed on the status of the NIS program. The General Survey Chapter on Communist China will be issued in March.

DD/I noted new and improved graphics in the current weekly report on Vietnam.

DD/I noted completion of two studies done at White House request yesterday. One deals with Communist conditions for a Vietnam settlement and the other with a survey of nonmilitary aspects of the Vietnam problem covering the entire year of 1965.

DD/I reported on a joint CIA-DIA project over the past two years dealing with military order of battle in the Soviet Union. During this period NPIC has issued 1,315 hard-cover reports on facilities related to the subject. NPIC has also issued 1,400 other such reports covering facilities later found not to be related. DD/I noted that information pertaining to this type of work is made available to PPB. DCI suggested that PPB use information of this kind together with the manhours required for such work in developing points for discussion with BOB officers.

DD/I reported on discussions involving top ORR officials, eminent academicians, and State Department officers on the state and future of the Soviet economy. Conclusions reached bolster our own.

DD/I noted that a briefing for the DCI on the scope and rationale of U. S. aid programs has been completed, and it was agreed that half an hour would be set aside for this briefing at a future Morning Meeting.

R. J. Smith reported on the composition of the Shelepin delegation traveling to Hanoi. A general officer who is an expert on strategic missiles is included as is a civilian expert on armament and defense production. (See Action 5)

Smith noted that Sukarno has suspended his travel plans and is staying in Indonesia, at least until February.

Sheldon noted that D/NRO [] is attending USIB for the first time this morning. It was agreed that Sheldon would bring [] to the Director's office prior to the meeting.

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DD/S noted a small and inconsequential fire [] [] The performance of local volunteer fire departments was very good. Some five companies responded in six minutes.

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Bross noted receipt of certain PFIAB recommendations, approved by the President, which have now been sent to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and DCI for action. They deal with the Far East and Southeast Asia. Two are of particular concern. One deals with OXCART deployment and reconnaissance in general and will be taken up by the 303 Committee. The other is a recommendation that the CIA and DIA review and enhance plans [] collection by the military services.

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DD/S&T noted that Ambassador Clark to Australia will be in town beginning 14 January, and it was agreed that DD/S&T and DCI would meet with the Ambassador [] []

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DD/S&T noted cancellation and holding of a Soviet photo satellite this morning.

DD/S&T reported that the Committee of Principals will be meeting next week to discuss an ACDA proposal to ban all types of nuclear testing above a certain threshold, leaving it to intelligence to uncover the tests. OSI is at work on a paper debunking the intelligence capability to assume this responsibility.

DD/S&T noted that he will be traveling to Sandia Air Force Base Sunday with two AEC Commissioners and [] to discuss ways and means of improving and systematizing R&D and substantive analysis work undertaken at Sandia as an aid to us.

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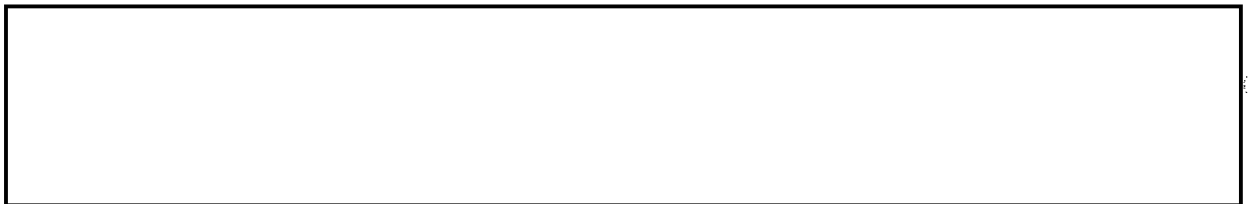
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DD/P noted that [] left for Europe last night and will return on 7 or 8 January.

Executive Director noted receipt of a letter appointing General Ray Peers to replace General Anthis as the Joint Chiefs' Special Assistant for Counterinsurgency and Special Activities.

ACTIONS:

1. DCI requested that a study be made of the pattern of separation of Soviet single silos for ICBM's and of the rationale behind this dispersion as it relates to the destruction capabilities of U. S. nuclear weapons. In this respect, DCI wants COMOR to make as specific as possible intelligence requirements for certain low orders of resolution of MOL equipment in order to determine the hardness capacity of Soviet silos. (DD/S&T - Status report by 20 January) ILLEGIB



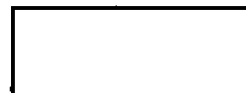
3. DCI requested advice and recommendations on how to ensure that the Agency's interested offices receive DOD studies and net estimates dealing with U. S. versus Soviet strategic weapons capabilities. DD/S&T (OSI) and DD/I (ORR) are to consult in this regard. (20 January)

4. Upon being advised that the Office of Dr. Foster, the DOD DD/R&E, was recently given a DD/I memorandum which covers the points made in [] briefing on the ICBM force, DCI asked DD/I to ensure that Foster has seen this memorandum. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

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5. DCI requested preparation of an internal memorandum speculating and conjecturing on the implications of the composition of the Shelepin delegation visiting Hanoi. (DD/I - In the course of the day)

6. DCI noted the view of the NSC that there is a need to plan to publicize current U. S. efforts in the Vietnam peace offensive. DD/P is requested to check with the State Department and to get the Department's advice on what we might do to help in this regard. (DD/P - In the course of the day)



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